

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the text at page 3, line 34, with the following:

- Figure 1 illustrates a partial perspective view of a plate-type heat exchanger according to the invention, just two dividing plates and one fin arranged in the passage they define between them being depicted; and
- Figure 2 illustrates a partial perspective view similar to Figure 1 but according to an alternative form of the embodiment of the ~~invention~~ invention;
- Figure 3 is a stylized view of a process involving an air separation apparatus with at least one column in accordance with one illustrative embodiment of the present invention;
- Figure 4 is a stylized view of a process involving an air separation apparatus with a second column in accordance with one illustrative embodiment of the present invention; and
- Figure 5 is a stylized view of a process involving an air separation apparatus with a double column in accordance with one illustrative embodiment of the present invention.